

striking of coins by Duke Henry would well explain a most remarkable class of silver pennies, usually given to Henry I., but differing most materially from his other pieces and from all others of the English series. From 1170 to 1192 Houeden receives and annotates the work known as the chronicle of Benedict of Peterborough. From 1192 to 1201 we have his own pen and experience as a cotemporary of the events he relates. "The other chroniclers of the period are as ignorant of Houeden as he is of them."

Such, with the addition of the three short works usually printed at the end of Symeon's History of the Church of Durham, are the chief chronicles which must be consulted for the story of the land between the waters of Tyne and Tees to the time of the "jolly bishop" Pusat, when we arrive at the writings of Reginald, Boldon Buke, the Three Historians of Durham, and divers cotemporary proofs. The principal muniments of the episcopate of Durham are, however, lost, having been made way with before the time of Edward III. for reasons which will be discussed in due time.

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Among the depositions in the York Ecclesiastical Court I have found the following North Country case:—

1567. Office against John Reymes, master¹ of the Westspittle hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. He is not a priest, is non-resident, and allows the buildings to go into decay; he is supposed to be absent because he does not approve of the religion. The house is let to Lady Anne Hilton for 4*l.* per annum.

A formal document is put in by Reymes, proceeding from the Superior of the University of Louvaine, saying that Reymes is there, and he makes John Swinburn of Chopwell, esq., Robert Rames of Shortflat, esq. his brother, and John Swinburne of Wylam, gen., his attornies to act and answer for him.

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¹ The reader interested in the Swinburnes and Reymes's, and the intimate connection between the families, and between them and the hospital, must consult Brand, i. 79 et seq., and Hodgson's Nd., II. i. 368.